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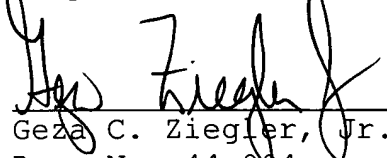
Status of the Claims

Claims 1-19 are subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 15-17 are withdrawn without prejudice. Claims 1-14, and 18 and 19 are elected and remain under consideration.

Applicant elects the invention described in Group I as indicated by the Examiner, namely, claims 1-14, 18 and 19.

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